

# STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

# PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

- WHEREAS, geography is the study of the Earth's natural features, climate, resources and population; and
- WHEREAS, the study of geography is essential to understanding our relationship with our environment and with each other; and
- WHEREAS, as the State of Indiana and the nation become even more influenced by the world around us, Hoosiers face an expanding responsibility to become more involved on a worldwide level; and
- WHEREAS, as part of this new responsibility, it is important that all Hoosiers have solid educational backgrounds in geography, so that Indiana will not be at a disadvantage in international trade, manufacturing and other worldwide business efforts; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana is dedicated to ensuring that the study of geography is properly emphasized at all levels of our educational system; and
- WHEREAS, Geographic Information System (GIS) technology is used around the world to help solve problems in such areas as environmental protection, land use, health care and business efficiency; and
- WHEREAS, GIS plays an important part in increasing awareness of the invaluable resources that the study of geography provides us as we face the challenges of an ever-changing world; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK O'BANNON, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2000, as

## GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DAY

in the State of Indiana, in recognition of the important role that geography plays in our understanding of our world, and invite all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2000.

*Frank O'Bannon*

BY THE GOVERNOR: Frank O'Bannon  
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:

*Sue Anne Gilroy*  
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Secretary of State

